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Intended for students' use in several different ways to help with spelling and writing, this booklet has seven sections: (1) How to Use This Book to Help with Spelling and Writing; (2) Alphabetical Section (a 22-page section that lists the words students are most likely to use in their writing); (3) Place Names and Special Names; (4) Essential Words for Spelling and Writing; (5) More Words for Spelling and Writing; (6) Commonly Misspelt Words; and (7) How to Learn to Spell a Word. (SR)

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An Aid to Writing, Spelling and Word Study

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Spell-Write

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How to Use this Book to Help with Spelling and Writing

This book may be used in several different ways to help with spelling and writing. Use it at the *time you are writing*, or when you come to *proof-read and correct your work*. Your teacher will explain how this should be done.

1. If you are not sure how to spell a word, say the word carefully to yourself, and work out the letter it begins with.
2. Now find that letter in the alphabet down the side of this page. The number beside the letter tells you which page of the Alphabetical Section to turn to.
3. Turn to the right page, and see if you can find the word.
4. If you cannot find the word you are looking for, ask your teacher for help. This book does not have all the words you may need, but only the ones that are written most often by children.

Personal Spelling Lists

1. If you have a *Personal Spelling List*, your teacher will want you to enter some of the words you have looked up in the Alphabetical Section, in your own list.
2. You should learn all the words in your *Personal Spelling List*, so you can use them in your own writing. One way to learn new words is set out at the end of this book.
3. From time to time your teacher will test you to see whether you know the words in your *Personal Spelling List*.

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Alphabetical Section

This section contains the words you are most likely to use in your writing. Use this section when you are looking up a word to check its spelling, or in some cases, its meaning.

If you have your own *Personal Spelling List*, your teacher will explain which of these words should be written in it.

Aa Aa Aa

abandon	advantage	allow	ankle
ability	adventure	allowed	announce
able	advice	(allowed to go)	annoy
aboard	aeroplane	all right	another
about	afford	almost	answer
above	afraid	alone	answered
absence	after	along	ant
absent	afternoon	aloud (read aloud)	anxious
accident	afterwards	already	any
account	again	also	anybody
ache	against	although	anyhow
achieve	age	altogether	any more
acquainted	ago	always	anyone
across	agree	am	anything
act	agreement	amaze	anyway
action	agriculture	amazing	anywhere
active	ahead	ambulance	apart
activities	aid	among	apologize
activity	aim	amount	appear
actual	air	amuse	appearance
actually	aircraft	an	apple
add	airline	ancestor	appreciation
addition	airport	ancient	April
address	alarm	and	apron
admit	alert	angel (be an angel)	are
adopted	alike	anger	area
adult	alive	angle (a sharp angle)	aren't (are not)
	all	angry	argue
	alligator	animal	argument

arm

arm
army
around
arrange
arrest
arrival
arrive
arrived
arriving
arrow
art
article
artist
as
ashamed
ashes
ashore
aside
ask
asked
asleep
assembly
association
at
ate (ate lunch)
atmosphere
atom
atomic
attack
attend
attention
attract
attractive
audience
August
aunt (Aunt Jill)
auntie
author
automatic

autumn
avenue
average
awake
away
awful
awhile
awoke
axe

Bb Bb Bb

babies
baby
back
backwards
bacon
bad
badge
badly
bag
bait
bake
bakery
baking
balance
ball
ballet
balloon
banana
band
bang
bank
bar
barbecue
bare (bare feet)
bark
barn

barrel
barrier
base
baseball
basket
basketball
bat
bath
bathe
bathroom
battery
battle
bay
be (be happy)
beach
bead
beam
bean (vegetable)
bear (animal)
beast
beat
beaten
beautiful
beauty
became
because
become
bed
bedroom
bee (honey bee)
beef
been (I have been)
beer
beetle
before
beg
began
begin
beginning

blast

begun
behave
behaviour
behind
being
believe
bell
belong
belongings
below
belt
bench
bend
beneath
bent
berries
berry (fruit)
beside
best
bet
better
between
Bible
bicycle (bike)
big
bigger
biggest
bike (bicycle)
bill
bird
birth
birthday
biscuit
bit
bite
black
blade
blanket
blast

bleed

bleed
blew (the wind blew)
blind
blink
block
blood
bloom
blossom
blow
blown
blue (colour)
board (cut the board)
boat
bodies
body
boil
bomb
bone
bonfire
book
booklet
boom
boot
border
bored
(not interested)
born
borrow
boss
bossy
both
bother
bottle
bottom
bought (buy)
boulder
bounce
bound
boundary

bow
bowl
box
boxes
boy
boyfriend
brain
brake (car brake)
branch
branches
brass
brave
bread (bread to eat)
break (break an egg)
breakfast
breast
breath
breathe
breathing
breeze
brick
bridge
bright
brightly
bring
broadcast
broke
broken
broom
brother
brought (bring)
brown
Brownie
bruise
brush
bubble
bucket
bud
build

built
bulb
bull
bulldozer
bullet
bump
bunch
bundle
burglar
buried
burn
burnt
burrow
burst
bury (bury rubbish)
bus
buses
bush
bushes
business
busy
but
butcher
butter
butterfly
button
buy (buy the milk)
by (by the sea)

Cc Cc Cc

cabbage
cabin
cabinet
cage
cake
calendar
calf

carry

call
called
calm
calves
came
camel
camera
camp
can
canary
cancer
candle
candy
cane
cannibal
cannot (can't)
canoe
can't (cannot)
canvas
cap
capital
capsule
captain
capture
car
caravan
card
cardboard
care
careful
carefully
careless
carpenter
carpet
carriage
carried
carries
carrot
carry

carrying

carrying
cart
case
cassette
cast
castle
cat
catch
catches
cattle
caught (catch)
cause
cave
ceiling (inside roof)
celebrate
celery (vegetable)
cement
cemetery
centennial
centimetre
central
centre
cents
century
certain
chain
chair
chalk
championship
chance
change
changing
chapter
character
charge
chart
chase
chasing
cheap

check (check work)
cheer
cheerful
cheese
chemist
cheque (money)
cherry
chest
chew
chicken
chief
child
children
chimney
chip
chocolate
choir
choose
choosing
chop
chopped
chopping
chorus
chose
chosen
Christmas
church
churches
circle
circus
cities
citizen
city
civil
class
classes
classroom
claws
clay

clean
clear
clever
cliff
climate
climb
climbed
cloak
clock
close
closing
cloth
clothes
clothing
cloud
clover
clown
club
clump
coach
coal
coast
coat
cobweb
cocoa
coconut
coffee
coffin
cold
collar
collect
collection
college
colony
colour
coloured
colourful
colt
comb

copy

come
comfortable
comic
coming
command
commercial
committee
common
community
companion
company
compass
competition
competitor
complain
complete
completely
computer
concerned
concert
concrete
condition
cone
confidence
connect
consider
contact
contain
container
content
contest
continent
continue
control
conversation
cook
cool
copper
copy

corn

corn
corner
correct
cost
costume
cosy
cottage
cotton
couch
cough
could
couldn't (could not)
council
count
counter
countries
country
county
couple
courage
course
court (tennis court)
cousin
cover
covered
cow
cowboy
crab
crack
crackers
craft
crane
crank
crash
crashes
crawl
crayfish
creak (noise)
cream

creature
creek (stream)
creep
crept
crew
cricket
cried
cries
crime
criminal
cripple
crisp
crocodile
crop
cross
crowd
crown
cruel
crumb
crush
crust
cry
crying
cub
cuddle
cup
cupboard
cure
curiosity
curious
curly
current
curtain
curve
cushion
customer
cut
cutting
cycle

Dd Dd Dd

dad
daddy
daily
dairy (shop)
daisies
daisy
dam
damage
damp
dance
dancing
danger
dangerous
dare
dark
darkness
dart
dash
data
date
daughter
dawn
day
daylight
dead
deaf
deal
dear (Dear John)
death
December
decide
decided
decision
deck
decorate
deed
deep

digest

deer (animal)
degree
delicious
delight
delighted
deliver
dense
dental
dentist
describe
description
desert
(lost in the desert)
design
desk
despair
dessert (pudding)
destination
destroy
determined
develop
development
devil
dew (damp with dew)
dial
diamond
diaries
diary (write a diary)
dictionaries
dictionary
did
didn't (did not)
die (death; dying)
died
difference
different
difficult
dig
digest

digging

digging
dinghy (small boat)
dingy
(dark and dingy)
dining
dinner
dip
direction
dirt
dirty
disagree
disappear
disappeared
disappoint
disaster
disco
discover
disease
dish
dishes
display
distance
distant
district
disturb
ditch
dive
divide
diving
division
do
doctor
dodge
does
doesn't (does not)
dog
doing
doll
dollars

dolphin
done
donkey
don't (do not)
door
double
down
downstairs
dozen
dragon
drank
draw (draw a line)
drawer (desk drawer)
drawn
dream
dress
dressed
dresses
drew
dried
drill
drink
drive
driving
drop
dropped
drove
drown
drug
drum
drunk
dry
duck
due (the bus is due)
dug
dull
dump
during
dust

duty
dwarf
dye (colour)
dying (death; die)

Ee Ee Ee

each
eagle
ear
earlier
early
earn
earphones
earth
earthquake
easier
easily
east
Easter
eastern
easy
eat
eaten
edge
editor
eel
effort
egg
eight
eighteen
eighth
eighty
either
elect
election
electric
electricity

evil
electronic
elephant
eleven
else
embarrass
emergency
empty
encyclopaedia
end
enemy
energy
engine
engineer
English
enjoy
enjoyable
enormous
enough
enter
entertain
entirely
entrance
envelope
equal
equipment
escape
especially
eve
even
evening
event
eventually
ever
every
everybody
everyone
everything
everywhere
evil

evil

ewe

ewe (female sheep)

exactly

exam

examination

example

excellent

except

exchange

excited

excitement

exciting

excuse

exercise

exhausted

exhibit

exhibition

expect

expedition

expense

expensive

experience

experiment

explain

explode

explore

explosion

express

extra

extremely

eye

Ff Ff Ff

face

fact

factory

fade

fail

faint

fair

fairies

fairly

fairy (fairy tale)

faithful

fall

fallen

false

familiar

families

family

famous

fan

fancy

fantastic

far

farm

fascinated

fast

fasten

fat

father

fault

favour

favourite

fear

feast

feather

February

fed

feed

feel

feeling

feet

fell

fellow

felt

female

fence

fern

ferocious

ferry (ship)

fertile

fetch

fever

few

field

fierce

fifteen

fifth

fifty

fight

figure

fill

filled

film

filthy

final

finally

find

fine

finger

finish

fire

fireman

fireplace

fireworks

first

fish

fisherman

fist

fit

five

fix

flag

flame

flannel

force

flap

flapping

flare

flash

flat

flavour

flax

fled

flesh

flew

flies

flight

float

flock

flood

floor

flour

(bake with flour)

flow

flower (plant)

fluffy

fly

flying

foal

foggy

fold

folk

follow

followed

fond

food

fool

foolish

foot

football

footpath

footsteps

for (for you)

force

forced

forced
ford
forecast
forehead
foreign
forest
forget
forgetful
forgive
forgot
forgotten
fork
form
formula
fort (building)
fortunate
fortune
forty
forward
fought (fought hard)
found
fountain
four(4)
fourteen
fourth
fox
frame
freckles
free
freedom
freeze
freezing
freight
fresh
Friday
fried
friend
friends
friendship

fright
frighten
frightened
frog
from
front
frost
froze
frozen
fruit
fuel
full
fun
funeral
funny
fur (fur coat)
furious
furnish
furniture
furry
further
future

Gg Gg Gg

gain
gala
gale
gallop
game
gang
garage
garden
gas
gasp
gate
gather
gave

gay
gaze
geese
general
gentle
gentleman
geography
germ
get
getting
ghost
giant
gift
gigantic
giggle
ginger
giraffe
girl
give
given
giving
glacier
glad
glass
glasses
glitter
glove
glue
go
goal
goat
go-cart
God
goes
going
gold
golden
g fish
gon

grocer

gone
good
goodbye
goodness
goodnight
goose
gorilla (animal)
got
government
governor
grab
grabbed
graceful
grade
gradually
grain
gram
grand
grandad
grandfather
grandma
grandmother
grandparents
grapes
grass
grateful
grave
gravel
graze
grazing
grease
great
greedy
green
grew
grey
grill
groan (loud groan)
grocer

groceries

groceries
ground
group
grow
growl
grown (grown taller)
growth
guard
guerrilla (fighter)
guess
guest
guide
guinea pig
gum
gumboots
gun
guy
gymnastics

Hh Hh Hh

habit
had
hadn't
hail
hair (hair style)
hairy
half
hall (tidy the hall)
halves
ham
hamburger
hammer
hand
handful
handkerchief
handle

handy
hang
hangi*
happen
happened
happily
happiness
happy
harbour
hard
harden
hardly
harm
harvest
has
hasn't (has not)
hat
hatch
hate
haul (pull along)
haunt
haunted
have
haven't (have not)
having
hawk
hay (cows eat hay)
he
head
headmaster
headmistress
heal (get better)
health
healthy
hear (listen)
heard (listened)
heart
heat
heater

heaven
heavier
heavy
he'd (he would)
hedge
hedgehog
heel (part of foot)
height
held
helicopter
he'll (he will)
hello
help
helpful
hen
her
herd (herd of cattle)
here (here and there)
hero
herself
hid
hidden
hide
hiding
high
highway
hike
hill
him
himself
hind
his
history
hit
hitting
hobbies
hobby
hockey
hoe (hoe the garden)

hunt

hold
hole (dig a hole)
holiday
hollow
holy (sacred)
home
homework
honest
honey
honour
hoof
hook
hooves
hop
hope
hoping
hopped
hopping
horn
horrible
horror
horse
hose
hospital
hostage
hot
hotel
hour (60 minutes)
house
household
how
however
hug
huge
human
hundred
hung
hungry
hunt

hunting

hunting
hurricane
hurried
hurries
hurry
hurt
husband
hut

Ii Ii Ii

I (me)
ice
iceberg
iceblock
icecream
icy
I'd (I would)
idea
idle
if
I'll (I will)
ill
illness
I'm (I am)
imaginary
imagination
imagine
immediately
importance
important
impossible
improve
in
inch
including
increase
indeed

independence
independent
index
indoors
industry
information
injured
injury
ink
innocent
insect
inside
inspect
instance
instead
instrument
intelligent
interest
interested
interesting
intermediate
into
invent
invention
investigate
invisible
invitation
invite
iron
irrigation
is
island
isn't (is not)
it
item
it's (it is)
its (its tail)
itself
I've (I have)

Jj Jj Jj

jacket
jail
jam
jandals
January
jar
jaw
jealous
jeans
jellies
jelly
jersey
jet
jewel
jewellery
job
join
joke
jolly
journal
journey
joy
judge
judging
juice
juicy
July
jump
June
jungle
junior
junk
just
justice

knot**Kk Kk Kk**

kangaroo
kauri (kauri tree)
keen
keep
kennel
kept
kettle
key
kick
kid
kill
kilogram
kilometre
kind
kindergarten
kindness
king
kingdom
kiss
kit
kitchen
kite
kitten
kiwi
knee
kneel
knelt
knew (we knew)
knife
knight
(the knight won)
knit
knitting
knives
knob
knock
knot (tie a knot)

knotted

knotted
know (I know)
knowledge
known
koala

L I L I L

labour
lace
lack
ladder
ladies
lady
laid
lake
lamb
lame
lamp
land
language
lantern
lap
large
laser
last
late
later
laugh
laughed
law
lawn
lawyer
lay
lazy
lead (to lead; metal)
leader
leaf

league
leap
learn
learnt
least
leather
leave
leaves
leaving
led (led the race)
left
leg
legend
leisure
lemon
lemonade
lend
length
lent
less
lesson
let
let's (let us)
letter
lettuce
level
liberty
library
licence (TV licence)
lick
lid
lie
life
lift
light
lightning
like
liking
limb

lime
limit
limp
line
linen
lion
lipstick
liquid
list
listen
lit
litre
little
live
lived
lives
living
lizard
load
loaf
loaves
lock
log
lollies
lolly
lonely
long
look
looked
looking
loose
lorries
lorry
lose
lost
lot
lots
loud
lounge

manufacturing

love
lovely
loving
low
luck
lucky
luggage
lump
lunch
lung
lying

MmMmMm

machine
machinery
mad
made (made a mess)
magazine
magic
magnet
magnetic
magnificent
maid (girl)
mail (letter)
main
mainly
majority
make
making
male (boy or man)
mammal
man
manage
manager
manner
manufacture
manufacturing

manuka

manuka
 (manuka bush)
 many
 Maori
 map
 marae*
 marble
 March
 mare (female horse)
 mark
 market
 married
 marry
 marvellous
 mask
 mass
 massive
 mast
 master
 mat
 match
 matches
 mate
 material
 mathematics
 maths
 matter
 May
 maybe
 mayor (city mayor)
 me
 meal
 mean
 meant
 meanwhile
 measles
 measure
 meat (food)
 medal
 medicine
 meet (meet me)
 melt
 member
 memories
 memory
 men
 merrily
 merry
 mess
 message
 met
 metal
 meter (parking meter)
 method
 metre (distance; 1 m)
 mice
 middle
 midnight
 might
 mighty
 mile
 military
 milk
 mill
 millilitre
 millimetre
 million
 millionaire
 mind (look after)
 mine
 mineral
 minister
 minute
 mirror
 mischief
 miserable
 miss
 missile

mission
 mist (low cloud)
 mistake
 mix
 moan
 model
 modelling
 modern
 moisture
 moment
 Monday
 money
 monkey
 monster
 month
 moon
 more
 (more tea please)
 morning
 moss
 most
 motel
 moth
 mother
 motion
 motive
 motor
 motorbike
 mould
 mount
 mountain
 mountainous
 mouse
 mouth
 move
 movement
 movies
 moving
 mow

naughty

mower
 Mr
 Mrs
 Ms
 much
 mud
 muddy
 multiply
 mum
 mummy
 mumps
 murder
 muscles (leg or arm)
 museum
 music
 musical
 mussels (shellfish)
 must
 my
 myself
 mysteries
 mysterious
 mystery

Nn Nn Nn

nail
 name
 nana (grandmother)
 narrow
 nasty
 nation
 national
 native
 natural
 naturally
 nature
 naughty

*Maori; courtyard of meeting house; centre of tribal life.

navy

navy
 near
 nearby
 nearly
 neat
 necessary
 neck
 necklace
 need
 needle
 neighbour
 neighbourhood
 neither
 nephew
 nervous
 nest
 net
 netball
 netting
 never
 new (new car)
 news
 newspaper
 next
 nice
 niece
 night (darkness)
 nightmare
 nine
 nineteen
 ninety
 ninth
 no
 nobody
 noise
 noisy
 none
 noon
 no one

nor
 (neither you nor he)
 normal
 north
 northern
 nose (your nose)
 not (not going)
 note
 nothing
 notice
 noticing
 November
 now
 nowhere
 nuclear
 nuisance
 number
 nurse
 nut
 nylon

Oo Oo Oo

oak (oak tree)
 oasis
 oats
 obey
 object
 obtain
 occasion
 occasionally
 occupation
 occupied
 occupy
 occur
 ocean
 o'clock
 October

octopus
 odd
 of (piece of cake)
 off (fell off)
 offer
 office
 officer
 often
 oh (oh my!)
 oil
 okay (OK)
 old
 older
 on
 once
 one (1)
 onion
 only
 on to
 open
 opened
 opera
 operate
 operating
 operation
 opposite
 or (this or that)
 orange
 orchard
 orchestra
 order
 ordinary
 organ
 organize
 other
 otherwise
 ought
 our (our house)
 ourselves

paper

out
 outdoors
 outline
 outside
 oven
 over
 overalls
 overseas
 owe (owe money)
 owing
 owl
 own
 owner
 oxygen
 oyster

Pp Pp Pp

pa (Maori pa)
 pack
 packed
 packet
 pad
 paddle
 paddock
 page
 paid
 pain (sore)
 paint
 pair (pair of shoes)
 palace
 pale (pale colour)
 palm
 pan
 panel
 panic
 pants
 paper

parachute

parachute
parade
paragraph
parcel
pardon
parents
park
parked
parliament
parrot
part
particular
parties
partner
party
pass
passage
passed
(he passed me)
passenger
past (in the past)
paste
pat
patch
path
patrol
pattern
paw (animal's paw)
pay
payment
peace
(peace not war)
peaceful
peach
peak
peanut
pear (fruit)
peas
pen

pencil
penguin
people
pepper
perfect
perfume
perhaps
period
permission
person
pet
petrol
phone (telephone)
photo
photograph
phrase
piano
pick
picnic
picture
pie
piece (piece of pie)
pig
pigeon
pile
pill
pillow
pilot
pin
pinch
pine
pink
pioneer
pipe
pipi (shellfish)
pirate
pit
pitch
pity

place
plain (flat land)
plan
plane
(aeroplane; tool)
planet
planned
planning
plant
plantation
plastic
plate
platform
play
playcentre
played
playful
playground
playing
playtime
pleasant
please
pleasure
plenty
plough
plus
pocket
poem
poet
poetry
point
poison
polar
pole
police
policeman
policewoman
polished
polite

present

political
pollution
pond
ponies
pony
pool
poor (poor people)
popular
population
porch
porridge
port
position
possible
possibly
post
postage
poster
postman
pot
potato
potatoes
pounce
pound
pour (pour milk)
powder
power
powerful
practice
(singing practice)
practise
(to practise singing)
practising
pray
prayer
precious
preparation
prepare
present

press

press
 pressure
 pretend
 prettier
 prettiest
 pretty
 prevent
 price
 primary
 primers
 prince
 princess
 principal (chief)
 principle (idea)
 print
 prison
 private
 prize
 probably
 problem
 process
 produce
 product
 production
 professor
 program
 (computer program)
 programme
 progress
 project
 promise
 proper
 property
 protect
 protection
 proud
 prove
 provide
 public

pudding
 pull
 pulled
 pump
 pumpkin
 punch
 puncture
 punish
 pup
 pupil
 puppet
 puppies
 puppy
 pure
 purple
 purpose
 purse
 push
 put
 putting
 puzzle
 pyjamas

Qq Qq Qq

quality
 quantity
 quarrel
 quarter
 queen
 queer
 question
 quick
 quickly
 quiet
 quite

Rr Rr Rr

rabbit
 race
 races
 racing
 radar
 radio
 raffle
 raft
 rag
 ragged
 rail
 railway
 rain
 rainbow
 raincoat
 raining
 rainy
 raise
 raised
 raising
 rake
 ran
 rang
 range
 range
 rapidly
 rare
 rat
 rather
 raw (not cooked)
 reach
 read (read a book)
 ready
 real
 realize
 really
 reason
 receive

return

recent
 recipe
 recognize
 record
 recreation
 rectangle
 red (colour)
 reef
 referee
 refreshments
 refuse
 regard
 region
 regular
 relation
 relative
 relax
 relay
 release
 relief
 religion
 religious
 remain
 remember
 remembered
 remind
 rent
 repeat
 replied
 reply
 report
 reptile
 rescue
 resist
 respect
 rest
 restaurant
 result
 return

reward

reward
ribbon
rice
rich
ride
riding
rifle
right
(correct; right hand)
ring
ripe
rise
river
road (street)
roam
roar (loud noise)
roast
rob
robbed
robber
robot
rock
rocket
rod
rode (rode a horse)
roll
roof
room
rooster
root
rope
rose
rot
rotten
rough
round
route
row
rub

rubbed
rubber
rubbish
rug
rugby
ruin
rule
run
runner
running
rush
rusty

Ss Ss Ss

sack
sad
saddle
sadly
safe
safely
safety
said
sail (boat)
sailor
salad
sale (shop)
salmon
salt
salute
same
sand
sandals
sandwich
sandy
sang
sank
sat

satisfied
satisfy
Saturday
sauceman
saucer
sauna
sausage
save
saving
saw (to see; tool)
say
scale
scarce
scare
scared (afraid)
scarf
scaring
scary
scene (view)
scenery
school
science
scientist
scissors
score
scout
scramble
scrap
scratch
scream
screamed
screen
screw
scribble
scrub
scrubbing
sea
seagull
seal

several

seam (sew a seam)
search
seaside
season
seat
second
secret
secretary
section
see (see this)
seed
seek
seem (seem to)
seemed
seen (I have seen)
seldom
self
sell
send
senior
sense
sensible
sent (sent a note)
sentence
separate
September
serious
servant
serve
service
set
setting
settle
settler
seven
seventeen
seventh
seventy
several

sew

sew (sew clothes)
shade
shadow
shady
shake
shaking
shall
shape
share
shark
sharp
she
shearing
shed
sheep
sheet
shelf
shell
shellfish
shelter
shelves
shepherd
she's (she is)
shield
shift
shine
shining
shiny
ship
shirt
shiver
shock
shoe
shone
shook
shoot
shop
shopkeeper
shopping

shore
short
shorts
shot
should
shoulder
shouldn't
(should not)
shout
shovel
show
shower
shown
shriek
shut
sick
sickness
side
sideways
sigh
sight (eyesight)
sign
signal
signalled
silence
silent
silk
silly
silver
similar
simple
since
sincerely
sing
single
sink
sir
siren
sister

soldier

sit
sitting
situated
situation
six
sixteen
sixth
sixty
size
skate
skateboard
skating
skeleton
ski
skin
skinny
skip
skipping
skirt
skull
sky
slam
slammed
slave
sleep
sleeping
sleepy
slept
slice
slid
slide
sliding
slim
slime
slip
slipped
slippers
slippery
slow

slowly
smack
small
smallest
smart
smash
smell
smelt
smile
smiling
smoke
smoking
smooth
snake
snap
snapped
snatched
sneak
sneaked
sneezed
sniff
snores
snoring
snow
snowball
snowman
SO (so small)
soak
soap
soccer
social
socks
sofa
soft
softball
soil
solar
sold
soldier

solid

solid
solo
solution
solve
some (some girls)
somebody
somehow
someone
something
sometimes
somewhere
son (boy)
song
soon
sore (painful)
sorry
sort
sound
soup
sour
south
southern
space
spaceship
spade
spare
(spare wheel)
sparkle
speak
spear
(throw a spear)
special
spectators
speech
speed
spell
spent
spice
spider
spill
spilt
spin
spirit
splash
splendid
spoil
spoke
spoon
sport
spot
spotted
sprain
sprang
spread
spring
square
squash
squeak
squeeze
squid
squirt
stable
stack
stadium
stag
stage
stain
stairs
(climb the stairs)
stall
stallion
stamp
stand
standard
standing
star
stare (look at)
staring

subtract

start
started
starve
starving
state
statement
station
stationary
(not moving)
stationery (paper)
statue
stay
staying
steady
steak (meat)
steal (rob)¹
steam
steel (metal)
steep
steer
stem
step
stepped
stereo
stew
stick
sticky
stiff
still
sting
stir
stitch
stock
stole
stolen
stomach
stone
stood
stool
stoop
stop
stopped
stopping
store
storey
(second storey room)
storeys
stories
storm
stormy
story (story book)
stove
straight
(in a straight line)
stranded
strange
strap
straw
stray
stream
street
strength
stretch
strike
string
strip
strong
struck
struggle
stuck
student
study
stuff
stumble
stupid
subject
submarine
subtract

succeed

succeed
success
successful
such
sudden
suddenly
sugar
suggest
suit
suitable
suitcase
sum (maths)
summer
sun (hot sun)
sunbathe
Sunday
sung
sunny
sunrise
sunset
sunshine
super
supermarket
supper
supplies
supply
support
suppose
supposing
sure
surely
surf
surface
surprise
surprised
surprising
surrender
surround
survive

suspicious
swallow
swarm
swamp
sway
sweat
sweep
sweet
swell
swept
swift
swim
swimming
swing
switch
sword
swum
system

Tt Tt Tt

table
tadpole
tag
tail (horse's tail)
take
taken
taking
tale (story)
talk
tall
tame
tan
tank
tap
tape
tar
target

thumb

taste
taught
tax
taxi
tea
teach
teacher
team
teapot
tear
tease
teaspoon
teeth
telegram
telephone
telescope
television (TV)
tell
temper
temperature
ten
tender
tennis
tent
tenth
term
terrible
terrific
terrified
terrify
test
than
thank
thankful
thank you
that
that's (that is)
the
theatre

theft
their (their house)
them
themselves
then
there (over there)
these
they
thick
thief
thieves
thin
thing
things
think
third
thirsty
thirteen
thirty
this
thorn
those
though
thought
thoughtful
thousand
thread
three
threw (threw a ball)
thrifty
thrilled
throat
throne
through
(through the door)
throughout
throw
thrown
thumb

thunder

thunder
Thursday
tick
ticket
tide (low tide)
tidied
tidy
tie
tied (tied a knot)
tiger
tight
till
timber
time
tin
tiny
tip
tiptoe
tired
title
to (go to bed)
toast
tobacco
today
toe (part of foot)
toffee
together
togs
toilet
told
tomato
tomatoes
tomorrow
tongue
tonight
too (too tired)
took
tools
tooth
toothbrush
toothpaste
top
torch
tore
torn
toss
total
touch
tough
tour
tournament
tow (tow a car)
towards
towel
tower
town
toy
track
tractor
trade
traffic
tragedy
trail
train
training
tramp
trampoline
transport
trap
trapped
travel
traveller
travelling
tray
treasure
treat
tree
trees

tremble
tremendous
triangle
tribe
trick
tried
tries
trimmed
trip
tripped
trouble
trousers
trout
truck
true
truly
trunk
trust
truth
try
trying
tube
Tuesday
tune
tunnel
turn
turned
TV (television)
twelfth
twelve
twenty
twice
twig
twin
twins
two (2)
type
typewriter
tyre

upstairs**Uu Uu Uu**

ugly
umbrella
umpire
uncle
unconscious
under
underground
underneath
understand
understood
underwater
undo
undone
undressed
unfortunate
unhappy
unidentified
uniform
union
unit
unite
united
universe
university
unknown
unless
unlucky
unpack
untie
untied
until
unusual
up
upon
upper
upset
upstairs

us

us
use
used
useful
using
usual
usually

Vv Vv Vv

vacant
vacuum
valley
valuable
value
van
vanish
variety
various
varnish
vase
vegetables
vehicle
verse
very
vessel
video
view
village
vine
vinegar
violent
violet
violin
visible
visit
visitor
voice

vote
voyage

Ww Ww Ww

wag
wagged
wagon
waist
(measure your waist)
wait (wait here)
waited
waiting
wake
walk
walked
walking
wall
wander
want
wanted
war (fighting)
wardrobe
warm
warmth
warn (warn me too)
was
wash
wasn't (was not)
wasp
waste (waste time)
watch
water
waterfall
wave
way (a long way)
we
weak (not strong)

wealth
weapon
wear (wear a coat)
weather
(wet weather)
weave
web
we'd (we would)
wedding
Wednesday
week (7 days)
weekend
weekly
weigh (to weigh)
weight (heavy)
welcome
we'll (we will)
well
went
we're (we are)
were (we were here)
weren't (were not)
west
western
wet
we've (we have)
whale
wharf
wharves
what
whatever
wheat
wheel
wheelbarrow
when
whenever
where
(where are you?)
wherever

with

whether
(whether to)
which (which one)
while
whip
whisper
whistle
white
whitebait
who
whoever
whole (a whole lot)
whose
why
wicked
wide
widow
width
wife
wild
will
win
wind
winding
windmill
window
windy
wine
wing
winner
winter
wipe
wire
wise
wish
wishes
witch (the old witch)
witches
with

within

within
without
wives
wizard
woke
wolf
wolves
woman
women
won (won the match)
wonder
wonderful
won't (will not)
wood (burn wood)
wooden
wool
woollen
word
wore (wore jeans)
work

world
worm
worn (used)
worried
worry
worse
worst
worth
would
(would you go?)
wouldn't (would not)
wound
wrap (wrap the parcel)
wrapped
wreath
wreck
wrestle
wrestling
wriggle
wrist

write (write a note)
writing
written
wrong
wrote

Xx Xx Xx

X-ray

Yy Yy Yy

yacht
yard
yawn
year
yell

zoo

yellow
yes
yesterday
yet
you
you'll (you will)
young
your (your pet)
you're (you are)
yourself
you've (you have)

Zz Zz Zz

zebra
zero
zone
zoo

Place Names and Special Names

This page has been left for each school to build up lists of the important place names and special names children use often in their writing. Your teacher will tell you how to use this page.

Essential Words for Spelling and Writing

The 230 words in this section are the ones we use most often when we write. Together, they make up between one-half to three-quarters of most writing, so they are important.

These words have been put in four lists according to how often they are used. The words in List 1 are used most often, the words in List 2 next most often, and so on. However, it is very important that you learn to use and spell each one.

Essential List 1

a	he	of	the	up
and	I	on	then	was
for	in	said	there	we
got	it	so	they	went
had	my	that	to	when

Essential List 2

about	but	her	me	some
after	came	him	not	them
all	could	his	off	time
are	day	home	one	two
as	down	house	our	very
at	from	if	out	were
back	get	into	over	what
be	go	is	people	with
because	going	just	saw	would
big	have	like	she	you

Essential List 3

again	did	look	only	through
am	do	made	or	told
an	dog	man	other	too
around	door	more	play	took
asked	father	morning	put	us
away	first	mother	ran	water
been	found	Mr	room	way
boy	good	name	school	well
by	has	next	see	where
called	heard	night	their	which
can	know	no	this	who
car	little	now	thought	will
come	long	old	three	your

Essential List 4

air	family	last	open	take
along	fast	left	place	tell
also	few	let	read	than
always	find	life	right	these
another	food	light	road	thing
any	friend	live	round	think
ball	gave	make	run	today
before	girl	many	sat	town
best	give	men	say	tree
better	half	might	sea	tried
book	head	money	should	under
children	help	most	side	until
each	here	Mrs	small	walk
eat	how	much	something	want
end	I'm	must	sometimes	while
even	it's	never	soon	work
ever	its	new	still	year
every	knew	once	sure	yes

More Words for Spelling and Writing

The words in this section, together with the Essential Words for Spelling and Writing, are the most common words children use in their writing.

The words are in groups. Each group consists of words about a similar subject. You can find lists of words about Numbers, Time, Amounts, Location, Nature, Common Objects, People, Activities and Descriptions. There is also a list of Shortened Words.

These words can be used in your writing. For example, if you are writing about life in the country, you may find a group like 'Nature' especially helpful. Your teacher will also tell you about other ways to use the lists and how to study the words.

Numbers

one
two
three
four
five
six
seven
eight
nine
ten
eleven
twelve
thirteen
fourteen
fifteen
sixteen
seventeen
eighteen
nineteen
twenty
thirty
forty
fifty

sixty
seventy
eighty
ninety
hundred
thousand
million

Time

1. Days
Sunday
Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday

2. Months
January
February
March
April
May

June
July
August
September
October
November
December

3. Other days
birthday
Christmas
holiday
today
tomorrow
weekend
yesterday

4. Seasons
spring
summer
autumn
winter

5. Units of time
moment

second
minute
hour
day
week
month
year

6. When?
afternoon
ago
already
during
early
finally
late
morning
o'clock
past
ready
since
till
usually
yet

Amounts

1. How big?

big
fat
giant
great
huge
large
tall

2. How far?

closer
distance
far
near

3. How fast?

quickly
slowly
suddenly

4. How many?

both
couple
double
group
lot
rest
set
those

5. How much?

anything
bit
enough
everything
except
full

half
nothing
part
piece
quite
really
such
third
whole
without

6. How old?

age
old
young

7. How valuable?

cost
dollars
money
treasure

8. What kind?

broken
deep
different
hard
main
real
same
sharp
soft
straight
strong
wide

Location

1. Buildings

bank
cabin
castle
hospital
hut
shed
shop
station

2. Parts of a building

door
floor
gate
roof
stairs
upstairs
wall
window
* *

bedroom
hall
kitchen
lounge

3. Places

airport
city
country
farm
field
garden
market
paddock

street
town
track
village

4. Where?

aboard
across
against
base
behind
beside
bottom
corner
everywhere
front
high
inside
middle
outside
somewhere
together
top
towards
upon
* *
course
east
north
south
west

Nature

1. Animals

bird
cat
crocodile
fish

horse
lion
mouse
pig
shark
sheep
squid
whale
wolf
* *

cage
feed
fly
hay
pet
trap

2. Body parts

blood
bone
ear
eyes
face
feet
foot
hair
hand
leg
mouth
neck
nose
stomach
tail
teeth
* *

sight

3. Colours

black

blue
brown
gold
green
orange
pink
red
white
yellow
* *

bright
dark

4. Matter

earth
mud
rock
sand
* *

burnt
fire
smoke

5. Places

beach
cave
ground
hill
hole
island
land
mountain

6. Plants

bush
flower
forest
grass
leaves

7. Sounds

bang
bell
boom
crackers
crash
fireworks
loud
noise
quiet
ring
* *

hear
laughed
screamed

8. Space

moon
planet
sky
sun
world

9. Water

flood
ice
lake
pool
river
snow
stream

10. Weather

blow
cold
fine
hot
rain

storm
sunny
warm
wet
wind

Common Objects

1. Containers

bag
bottle
box
case
cup
sack

2. Food

bread
cake
cream
drink
egg
meat
milk
* *

cook

3. House contents

bed
chair
clock
dishes
oven
picture
radio
table
TV

4. Materials

board
carpet
clothes
curtain
hat
paper
rope
stick
wood

People

1. Family

aunt
brother
cousin
dad
husband
mum
parents
sister
uncle
wife
* *
married

2. Others

anyone
baby
everybody
everyone
herself
himself
lady
myself
person
someone

woman
* *
army
captain
clown
crew
ghost
God
guard
king
leader
monster
police
witch

Activities

1. Daily events

asleep
breakfast
dinner
dream
dress
hungry
job
lunch
lying
news
sleep
tea
tired
wake
wash

2. Feelings

care
cry
enjoy
feel

hate
hope
love
need
please
wish

3. Fighting

fight
gun
kill
shoot
war

4. Games

bat
catch
match
net
race
rugby
softball
team
tennis
throw
win

5. Leisure

adventure
camp
circus
club
film
fun
music
park

party
picnic
riding
running
swim
tent
toy
trip

6. Movements

began
cause
climb
close
crept
cross
dropped
fall
flapping
followed
grow
hopped
jump
knock
move
passed
pull
rushed
shake
slide
sit
stand
start
turn

7. Not moving

die
finish
stay

stop
wait

8. Other actions

able
allowed
arrived
became
bring
build
buy
carried
cut
display
happen
hide
hit
hold
hurt
keep
lead
leave
meet
miss
packed
pick
sent
show
sold
tied
try
use
visit
watch

9. School

class
forget
learn

letter
mark
maths
prize
remember
story
teacher
test
write

10. Talking

ask
call
replied
talk
voice
* *
hello
oh

11. Thinking

believe
decided
idea
mean
mind
plan
seemed
true
wrong

12. Transport

aeroplane
bike
boat
bus
car

plane
ship
spaceship
train
truck
* *
drive
engine
machine
motor
power
ride
rocket

Descriptions

1. Pleasant

beautiful
clean
excited
favourite
funny
glad
happy
interesting
lovely
lucky
neat
nice
own
pretty
safe
sure

2. Unpleasant

angry
bad
dangerous
dirty

mad
poor
sad
scared
sick
terrible
ugly

3. Unusual

disappeared
haunted
invisible
lost
strange
* *
surprise

Shortened Words

can't
couldn't
didn't
doesn't
don't
haven't
he's
I'd
I'll
I'm
it's
I've
let's
that's
there's
wasn't
won't
wouldn't

Commonly Misspelt Words

The 72 words in this section are among the most difficult to spell correctly. As they are used regularly in most writing, it is important that you learn to spell each one.

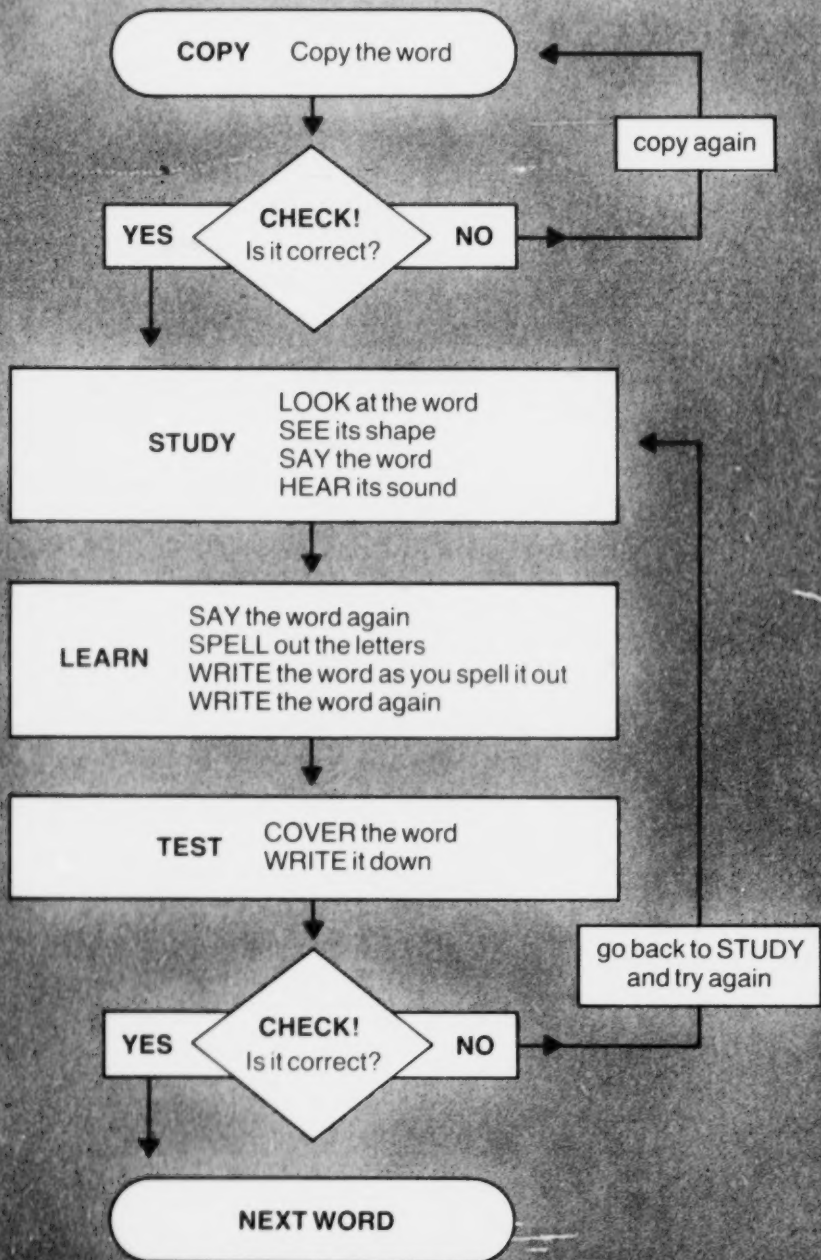
aeroplane
allowed
arrived
beautiful
believe
board
boat
bought
broke
brother
buy
cannot
caught
clothes
coming
course
decided
didn't

different
disappeared
doesn't
everyone
everything
everywhere
favourite
finally
frightened
front
guard
happened
hiding
hospital
hungry
hurt
inside
kept

later
lot
met
minute
myself
nearly
nice
noise
opened
outside
passed
piece
police
present
ready
really
remembered
running

scared
someone
spare
started
stopped
straight
suddenly
swimming
things
threw
tired
turned
upstairs
usually
we're
whole
without
you're

How to Learn to Spell a Word



Spell
Write

r..i..g..h..t

WRONG!

w..r..i..t..e

RIGHT!